

FROM: First Baptist Church of Beaver, P O Box 98 Beaver, West Virginia 25813

Judith Prince, Treasurer (304) 255-5664

TO: FCC (Federal Communications Commission)

RE: **Individual exemption under Section 79.1(f) of the FCC's rules (47 C.F.R. § 79.1(f)), based on a claim that providing closed captioning would be "economically burdensome."**

Name and purpose of Programming-First Baptist Church of Beaver, West Virginia on WVVA channel 18, 30 minute broadcast on Monday each week of the Sunday sermon and music for the purpose of providing the sermons to shut-ins. We have been paying \$50.00 per week (\$2600.00 annually) this year. We originally started with twice per week in 2013, but dropped to once per week due to budget constraints. We have neither asked nor received any revenue from this broadcast. All work is done by volunteers and all costs are paid by donations from church members.

On June 26, the TV station informed us that without closed captioning or an exemption from FCC, they would no longer broadcast our video effective July 1, 2014. It was cancelled and not shown this week due to the fact that we had not met these conditions.

We received an email quote from WVVA of \$60.00 (additional \$3,120 annual) per 30 minute video for captioning. This amount was presented to the church which responded that we cannot afford it. I looked up several quotes online which run \$6 to \$8 per minute. This is three times as much as WVVA quoted. We do not have skilled volunteers to do this and cannot afford to pay someone to do it; neither can we afford to buy any equipment as our capital fund for building maintenance is dwindling.

OUR PROGRAM BROADCAST STOPPED effective July 1, 2014, due to this requirement and cannot be started again unless we receive an exemption.

We are a very small church of about 40 adult members. We cannot afford outside accounting services. We do not have audits and are not required to file any tax returns. We report on finances to the members on a quarterly basis. Our only current assets are cash in general fund and capital improvement/maintenance fund. Our attendance and revenues have declined significantly over the past few years with our maintenance/repair fund balance about \$60,000.00 less than it was six years ago.

I am enclosing copies of the quarterly financial statements since we started the broadcast. These statements show revenues and disbursements as well as cash balance in the bank. All bills are paid on a 30 day basis and we have no outstanding liabilities. I declare under penalty of perjury that the information contained in this submission is true and correct.

Judith Prince 7-8-14
Judith Prince, Treasurer

Cada W-Martin



INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State/Commonwealth of West Virginia
County of Raleigh } ss.

On this the 8 day of July, 2014, before me,
Cada W. Martin, the undersigned Notary Public,
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personally appeared Judith Prince
Name(s) of Signer(s)

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to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.



Cada W. Martin
Signature of Notary Public

Cada W. Martin
June 23, 2014
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Sent: Friday, June 27, 2014 11:55 AM

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Subject: Fcc rules

Hi Rob,

Below you find the link to file the exemption. We will need for it to be completed prior to your next run date. Or you would have to pay \$110 per 30 min program for us to make it close captioned. Or lastly by the editing to do it yourself. This is mandated by the FCC for all tv stations in the US & is effective July 1st.

<http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/economically-burdensome-exemption-closed-captioning-requirements>

Thanks,

Renee

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

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